

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer to display images on a display unit, the images being accessible by an associated identifying information, the viewer comprising:
a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any image which has been accessed by an associated unique identifying information; and
an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique identifying information, wherein the importance degree control unit outputs the number for storage by the definition management note,

wherein the definition management note stores a plurality of identifying information that is associated with the image which respectively corresponds to a plurality of threshold values that are associated with the image, and

wherein the importance degree control unit executes a process of setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the unique identifying information on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique identifying information exceeds one of the plurality of corresponding stored threshold values associated with the image.

3. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of the threshold values stored in said definition management note have an associated displayable image as a counting object.

4. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a URL, wherein

said definition management note defines an importance degree for each URL which has

been accessed a number of times exceeding an associated threshold value, and
said importance degree control unit executes a process corresponding to an importance degree mark for each URL having an associated importance degree.

5. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a URL, wherein

an importance degree mark corresponding to an importance degree is defined for each URL stored in said definition management note, and

said importance degree control unit selects processes for each of the importance degree marks depending on the number of times of display.

6. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a URL, wherein

said importance degree mark is a program object which notifies users that a number of times of display of associated Web pages is indicated by a density of color, or by characters or images being displayed within the associated Web page.

7. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a URL, wherein

said importance degree control unit updates the counted number of times of display of a corresponding Web page before the Web page is displayed with the browser, and

said importance degree control unit executes a process designated by said importance degree mark on the basis of the counted number of times of display.

8. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a URL, wherein

said importance degree control unit can add, change, and delete information in the definition management note relating to a Web page being displayed by said browser.

9. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein said viewer is a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, and said importance degree control unit counts URLs as the unique identifying information, said viewer further comprising:
an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have exceeded the stored threshold value to a bookmark.

10. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 9, wherein said automatic registration control unit is provided with a sorting function to rearrange a registration sequence of Web pages in the bookmark depending on the number of times of display.

11. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:
an automatic page generating unit to automatically generate Web pages from corresponding URLs registered in the bookmark.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein said viewer is a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, and said importance degree control unit counts URLs as the identifying information, said viewer further comprising:
an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have been displayed greater than a threshold value to a bookmark.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewing method using a browser to display Web pages on a display unit, the Web pages having associated URLs, comprising:
storing a plurality of threshold values for each of the associated URLs;
counting a number of times of display of a Web page accessed by an associated URL;
and
executing a particular process when the counted number of times exceeds one of threshold values associated with the URL, said particular process including setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the unique identifying information on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of the Web page exceeds the one of the threshold values.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The viewing method according to claim 13, wherein the particular process notifies users that the threshold value of a number of times of display has been exceeded through display in a Web page.

15. (ORIGINAL) The viewing method according to claim 14, wherein the counted number of times of display of a corresponding Web page is updated before the Web page is displayed with the browser.

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16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A display method for displaying an image on a display unit, the image being accessible by an associated unique identifying information, the display method comprising:

storing a plurality of threshold numbers that are associated with the associated unique identifying information;

storing a number of times of display of any image which has been accessed by an associated unique identifying information; and

counting a number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique identifying information;

comparing the number of times of display of an image accessed by the unique identifying information with a threshold number associated with the unique identifying information; and

setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the unique identifying information on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display exceeds the threshold number.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein the counting counts a number of times of display of Web pages accessed with a browser via the Internet, and wherein the unique identifying information is a URL, and further comprising:

registering a Web page which has been displayed greater than the threshold number to a bookmark.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein said browser displays Web pages via the Internet, further comprising:

notifying users that a threshold value of a number of times of display has been exceeded through display in a Web page.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A browser to display a Web page on a display unit, the Web page being accessed via the Internet by an associated URL, the browser comprising:

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a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any Web page which has been accessed by an associated URL, wherein the definition management note stores a plurality of URLs that respectively correspond to a plurality of threshold values that are associated with each URL; and

an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any Web page accessed by the URL, wherein said importance degree control unit outputs the number for storage by said definition management note,

wherein the importance degree control unit executes a process of setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the unique identifying information on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of any Web page accessed by the URL exceeds one of the plurality of corresponding stored threshold values associated with the URL.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The browser according to claim 19, wherein said importance degree control unit executes a process of an importance degree mark when the counted number of times of display of any Web page accessed by a URL exceeds a corresponding stored threshold value.